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aries will be charged at advertisement rates  
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**CHURCH AND STATE.**  
VIEWS OF REV. DR. JETER.  
In response to a request to furnish the Rich-  
mond Dispatch with his views of those portions  
of the President's message which refer to the  
taxation of church property and to public edu-  
cation, Rev. Dr. J. B. Jeter, senior editor of  
the Religious Herald, and one of the most dis-  
tinguished Baptist clergymen of the South, on  
Saturday said:

"I have been able to bestow but little con-  
sideration on the parts to which you refer. I  
will give you my hastily-formed views of them  
without attempting to support them by argu-  
ments.

"First, then, in regard to public education  
I must say I can see no good reason why the  
Federal Government should intermeddle with  
it. To say nothing of the difficulty of compell-  
ing poor States, with a scattered population,  
to furnish adequate means for the education of  
all the children within their limits, it seems  
eminently proper, if there are State Govern-  
ments, that they should have the entire con-  
trol of popular education within their respec-  
tive territories. They may be supposed to be  
best acquainted with their resources and the  
necessities, tastes, and wishes of their consti-  
tuents.

"To compulsory education, by Federal or  
State Government, I am earnestly opposed.  
The right to teach involves the right to decide  
what shall be taught. If a Government has a  
right to proscribe "all religions, atheistic (if  
there be any such) and pagan," in its public  
schools, then it has an equal right to require  
that Christianity or Mohammedanism shall be  
taught. The Constitution does not create  
rights, but merely defines and limits such  
as are admitted to exist. It changes, as  
the history of our country has shown, with  
the views, interests, and caprices of the  
people. The principle involved in compul-  
sory education by the State lies at the founda-  
tion of all despotism and tyranny: it is that  
the people are not to be trusted to educate  
themselves and their children; but must, for  
their own good, be taken under Government  
control. With many doubts as to its ultimate  
advantages I favor a system of public edu-  
cation by State authority, of which parents and  
guardians may avail themselves in the in-  
struction of their children so far as their inter-  
ests, tastes, and circumstances may permit; but I  
would greatly prefer the abolition of the sys-  
tem to compulsory education.

"With the views of the message in regard  
to church property in the main I agree, but do  
not clearly perceive why they should have been  
presented by the President. The General  
Government derives no portion of its revenues  
from direct taxation on property. It will be  
time enough to discuss the propriety of taxing  
church property by the Federal authority when  
it is proposed to tax other property. At  
present the question is theoretical, not prac-  
tical.

"As, however, the Governor of this State has  
suggested the desirability of taxing church  
property for the support of the Government, I  
will offer a few remarks on the subject: I am  
an advocate of a clear separation of Church  
and State. By how much the State remits  
taxes on church property by so much it im-  
poses burdens on other interests for the sup-  
port of religion. The right to impose taxes  
arises from the necessity of revenues to enable  
Governments to accomplish their legitimate  
purposes; and they should be laid equally on  
all property and all interests sharing in gov-  
ernmental protection unless there be clear  
reasons, affecting the public good, to depart  
from that rule. Church property is protected  
by Government, and should bear its share of  
the burden of supporting it."

[COMMUNICATED.]

Who can help a feeling of pity, of sorrow,  
for that class of men in our community now  
becoming so large—the "old bachelors?"

Who can help sympathizing with them for  
their loneliness of heart and home? "Old  
fellows" whose parents are gone, no ties bind-  
ing them to the earth, but little hope of  
heaven; to whom all seems dark and dreary;  
they simply exist, they vegetate. Living  
neither in the memories of the past nor for the  
hopes of the future—sad, sad life! Calling on  
one of them a few days since, living in a grand  
old home, I was struck with the utter desola-  
tion of all around. Looking into the room  
after room, one furnished in a style to suit the taste  
of the most fastidious lady; handsome chairs,  
rotting down for want of use. Brussels carpets  
simply mouldering away. Coming upon him  
in the third story—back room—I could not  
help dropping a tear, as I found him slowly  
pacing his solitary chamber. Struck with  
the compassion so plainly shown on my  
face, he was moved as I never saw him  
moved before, and told me his history. "I was  
briefly this: Born in a large family, with  
great wealth, his sisters all married and  
wandered away; somehow, he could not leave  
the "old people." Time wore on, giving his  
whole soul to the woman of his love. "O God!  
forgive me! that I worshipped her instead of  
thee!" But the old people liked not the idea  
of a "stranger woman" coming to live under  
their roof. Having no money to go away with  
her—for every effort from childhood was given  
to the estate—he gave her up. Year after year  
hope grew fainter, fainter. "In time, mother  
and father were taken away, leaving me houses,  
lands, and money, but Oh my God! so lonely,  
so desolate! All, all will I now give to ex-  
change places with the humblest tenant on my  
estates, his lovely wife, his merry children!  
Go, my friend, tell every one, had I my life  
to go over again, I would marry—yes, a "ditch-  
er's daughter," rather than lead my present  
wretched existence." It takes no very acute  
observer of the times to see that the moral tone  
of our best society is becoming worse and  
worse. Young men, marry, marry, for I  
assure you the words spoken thousands of  
years ago, "It is not good that the man should  
be alone, I will make him a help meet for him,"  
is felt most forcibly to-day by this

OLD BACHELOR.

SALEM, FAUQUIER, CO., VA., Dec. 10.

The paragraph on Grant's Message, from  
the Richmond Journal, last week, was credited  
by mistake, to the Richmond News.

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THE BEST QUALITY, from Norfolk and  
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trade at as LOW PRICES as any house in the  
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of every description, at

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the leading Magazines and Reviews, American

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ful styles of binding.

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The finest American, English and French

Stationery, all the latest styles.

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Books, Medium, Demy, Crown and Cap, full

and half bound, Memorandums, Pass Books,  
Indexes.

Owing to the new postal law increasing the  
postage on packages of merchandise sold from half

to one cent per pound, the prices of lot No. 1,  
1 fire quires, Note Paper, prepaid, will be \$2c.

lot No. 2, 50c; lot No. 3, 60c; lot No. 4, 80c and  
lot No. 5, 1.00 per quire.

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Envelopes, to mail.

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95 King street, Alexandria, Va.

sep 4

**LEGAL NOTICES.**

**VIRGINIA:** At Rules held in the Clerk's

office of the Corporation Court of the city of

Alexandria, on the 8th day of December,

1875: D. S. Watkins and Mary C. Watkins, his

wife, Joshua Ellis and Ann Maria Ellis, his

wife, and Virginia Young, complainants, vs.

John T. Evans, late of the city of Alexandria,  
defendant. In chancery.

Memo: The object of this suit is to obtain a

decree for the division of the real estate of the

late John T. Evans, late of the city of Alexan-  
dria, died seized, in the State of Virginia, amongst

his heirs at law, according to their respective

interests, and pending proceedings for such par-  
tition to have a receiver appointed to take charge

of such real estate, to collect the rents, pay the  
taxes and do such other acts as may be neces-  
sary for its preservation.

The defendant not having entered his appear-  
ance and given security according to the act of

Assembly, and the rules of this Court, and it ap-  
pearing by affidavit that he is not a resident of

this State, it is ordered that said defendant ap-  
pear here within one month after due publication of

this order, and do what is necessary to protect his  
interest in this suit; and that a copy of this or-  
der be forthwith inserted in the Alexandria Gaz-  
ette, a newspaper published in the city of Alexan-  
dria, once a week for four successive weeks,  
and posted at the front door of the Court House  
of this city. A copy—test:

**MORTON MARYE, Clerk.**

S. F. Beach, p. q. dec 9-w4w

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.**

Having been appointed by the Corporation

Court of the city of Alexandria as administrator

of the estate of John T. Evans, deceased, I

hereby give notice to all parties indebted to the

estate to come forward at once and make pay-  
ment to me. All parties having claims against the

estate will present them to me duly certified  
for payment. I. C. O'NEAL

dec 5-4c Adm'r of John T. Evans, dec'd.

**JANNEY'S OLD DOMINION TONIC**

**BITTERS.**

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most favorably known medicinal Herbs,

Roots, Barks and Berries, together with suf-  
ficient Pure Old Cognac Brandy to preserve them

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tion, a superb Tonic, Alterative and Diuretic.

They are constantly recommended in all cases  
of Dyspepsia, Nervous Headaches, Indigestion

and Heartburn, Weakness, Languor and Delir-  
ium, Torpid Condition of the Liver, Obsolete

Constipation and Loss of Appetite. They are  
also a sure preventive of Ague and Fever.

They are pleasant to the taste, and the most  
delicious medicinal wine and nothing disagreeable

in them. Along water courses and in low and  
marshy districts they will prove a sure safe-  
guard against the diseases incident to such sec-  
tions of the country. Weak and debilitated

persons will derive great benefit from their use.  
In quart bottles, at \$1 each. Prepared only by

**JANNEY & CO.,**

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Drug Warehouse, 145 King street, Alexandria,  
Virginia.

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**DRY GOODS!** **DRY GOODS!**

Third trip North this season.

**FALL STOCK AT POPULAR PRICES.**

We receive and open to-day a great many

choice styles of goods, and offer them at such

very low, new style Calicoes, very handsome,  
Country Merchants will find it to their inter-  
est to take advantage of our down prices.

Large line of Staple and Fancy Dry Goods  
now on sale, viz: Blankets, Flannels, Counter-  
panes, Comforts, Cloaks, Shawls, Dress Goods

in great variety, Brown and Bleached Domestic  
very low, new style Calicoes, very handsome,  
Table Damask, Towels, Crash, Cloths, Cas-  
simeres, Vestings, &c. &c., together with a great

many other goods, making our stock very full  
and complete. **D. F. BRASHEAR,**

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crops. Apply to

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**REDUCTION IN PRICE OF OBER'S**

**GUANO.** \$55; Ammoniated Super Phos-  
phate, \$45. We offer these well known Fertilizers

at greatly reduced prices, and will furnish  
any information and Circulars, containing tes-  
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We offer the following popular Fertilizers at

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BONE \$34.

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**W. S. MOORE,**

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establishment in the city. All work done with

dispatch, and in the most durable and workman-  
like manner. Satisfaction guaranteed.

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self, or the most experienced workmen. js 2-4

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**CHILLS AND FEVER!**

This Mixture contains nothing whatever that

can injure the general health, nor is it disagree-  
able to the taste. It is composed of the finest

ingredients, and the patient need not change his

customary mode of living whilst taking the reme-  
dy. It is a pleasant tonic, and if taken in small

quantities before breakfast each day will pre-  
vent chills and fever in localities where miasma

prevails. It will be found that Martin Ague  
Mixture excites an appetite and improves the

general health. For children as well as adults,  
it will be found a most effectual and pleasant

remedy. Price \$1.50 per bottle of six.

**JANNEY & CO.,**

Sole Proprietors and Manufacturers,

145 King st., Alexandria, Va.

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also a Bore Loader, and all day with re-  
volvers, Shotguns, Umbrellas, Overshirts,

Pouches, Belts, &c., to which we invite atten-  
tion.

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ciful Silk Ties, Ladies' Vests, Belts, Men's Meri-  
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Alexandria, Va.

nov 8

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25 bbls No. 1 Split Labrador Herring.

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aug 20

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